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BOOK NOTICES.

The Pocket Guide to the West Indies. By Algernon E. Aspinall.

xii and 316 pp. Illustrations, Maps, Tables and Index. Edward Stanford, London, 1907. (Price, 6s.)

The West Indies are becoming more and more a profitable hunting ground for health and enjoyment, now that the facilities for reaching and travelling through them have been improved. This thorough little volume deals chiefly with the Lesser Antilles, especially with the British Islands, and also with British Guiana. No attempt is made to treat Cuba or Porto Rico, for they would require more space than could be given to them in this book; and the island of Haiti is also summarily dealt with because its bad sanitation and inferior accommodations for visitors make it an unsuitable place for the average visitor. The book, however, covers admirably, for tourist purposes, all the important islands of the Lesser Antilles, contains much local information, gives statistical facts at the end of the volume, and is illustrated with a considerable number of photographs and maps.

Les Musulmans Français du Nord de l'Afrique. Par Ismaël Hamet.

Avec un Avant-Propos par A. Le Chatelier. iv and 316 pp., 2 Maps. Librairie Armand Colin, Paris, 1906. (Price, 3.50 fr.)

The book treats thoroughly and in an interesting manner the complex question of the native races living under the French régime in North Africa, the new influences which the French introduced among them, and their effect upon the inhabitants. The author treats of the composition and distribution of the Mohammedan population, gives a summary of our knowledge of the early Berbers and Arabs, discusses the civilization born of Islam, describes the fusion of the Arabs and Berbers, depicts the native society at the time of the French conquest, and later deals with the influence of colonization and the agricultural, commercial, and intellectual evolutions that have come to pass, and gives his views on the future of the native population.

Many facts are given to show that at the time of the French conquest of Algeria scarcely a group of native inhabitants could be found that was ethnically pure; that nearly all the people were a mixture resulting from the absorption into the Berber mass of all the Arab elements derived from the Orient or from Spain with some infiltration of negro blood; and that this population was divided, according to circumstances, into burghers or residents of the towns and peasants or dwellers in the country, the latter being divided into nomadic groups and those of fixed habitation.

Irrigation in the United States. By Frederick Haynes Newell.

(Revised edition.) xix and 435 pp., 68 Plates, 94 Figures, and Index. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York, 1906.

Irrigation is one of the great public questions in our country. For the past seventeen years, Mr. Newell has been continuously conducting investigations as to the extent to which our arid regions may be reclaimed. As chief engineer of the